(3) THE MADRAS GENERAL SALES TAX (EMERGENCY PROVISIONS) BILL, 1958.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I beg to move—

"That leave be granted to introduce the Madras General Sales Tax (Emergency Provisions) Bill, 1958."

MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

"That leave be granted to introduce the Madras General Sales Tax (Emergency Provisions) Bill, 1958."

The motion was put and carried and leave was granted.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I introduce the Madras General Sales Tax (Emergency Provisions) Bill, 1958.

(4) THE MADRAS BHOODAN YAGNA BILL, 1957 (L.A. BILL NO. 15 OF 1957).

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move—

"That the Madras Bhoodan Yagna Bill, 1957 (L.A. Bill No. 15 of 1957) as amended by the Joint Select Committee be taken into consideration".

Sir, I shall briefly explain the main changes made by the Joint Select Committee to the various clauses of the Bill. The preamble has been amplified so as to include the provisions relating to the Gramdan villages and Gramdan lands under the purview of the Bill.

In the definitions in clause 2 of the Bill, new definitions for Gramdan lands, Gramdan villages and Sarvodaya Panchayat have been added. The definition relating to the landless poor person has been amplified to be more specific. The Committee decided to recast sub-clause (1) of clause 4 of the Bill, so as to provide that the State Board shall consist of a Chairman and 10 or more but not exceeding 14 members, to be appointed by the Government in consultation with Sri Acharya Vinoba Bhave or a person nominated by him in this behalf. Consequently, sub-clause (2) of clause 4 of the Bill has been omitted. Just as there is a provision for consulting Sri Acharya Vinoba Bhave for the constitution of the State Board, the Committee considered that even for dissolving the Board, Sri Acharya Vinoba Bhave should be consulted. Provision has accordingly been made in clause 10 of the Bill.

Clause 11 of the Bill has been amplified so as to vest all lands donated for Bhoodan Yagna, whether before or after the commencement of the Act. It was also decided to omit sub-clause (2) of clause 11 of the Bill.

The Committee decided to increase the strength of Local Committee under sub-clause (1) of clause 15 from 3 to 5 members.